



COVID-19 Technology Response System

Weekly Update

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Welcome to the Weekly Update for the COVID-19 Technology Response System.

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) offers a comprehensive and interoperable suite of software to empower public health agencies and give them all the tools they need to respond to COVID-19.

Each week we will provide information about new features, resources, upcoming releases, and other important information about the three tools that make up the Technology Response System: Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting, EpiTrax and MO ACTS.

Check out the intranet sites here:

- [Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting](#)
- [EpiTrax](#)
- [MO ACTS](#)

Question of the Week:

Several in my Health Department are new or have asked for a refresher on how to use EpiTrax and/or MO ACTS. How do I schedule this training?

There are many opportunities to learn about the EpiTrax (case investigation) and MO ACTS (contact tracing applications). Live trainings are held each Wednesday through Webex. Information and links to those trainings are available on the [EpiTrax](#) and [MO ACTS](#) intranet calendars. There is also an option for self-guided learning if team members are unable to attend the live trainings. You can access the EpiTrax simulation [here](#) and the MO ACTS simulation [here](#). Finally, there are [user guides](#), a [data dictionary](#), and many other resources available for those who are using those systems. If you'd like to schedule a time to discuss training options, please email epitrax@health.mo.gov.

COVID 19 Technology Seminar February Topics:

Join us to learn more about specific topics related to EpiTrax and MOACTS functionality and processes. In February, we will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00. You can find login information for each of these seminars on the Training Calendar found on the intranet sites.

Upcoming topics:

February 24- Adaptive Contact Tracing*

The link to previous seminar recordings and Powerpoint presentations can be found on the EpiTrax and MO ACTS websites under "Quick Reference and Information Seminar Guides".

*Because our first edition of the Adaptive Contact Tracing webinar unfortunately overlapped with a vaccine call, we will be holding the session again on Feb 24. If you are interested in watching the first version, you may do so [here](#).

EpiTrax

You'll find several updates to the [EpiTrax User Guide](#) this week, most notably a new section on COVID-19 Reinfections. Keep an eye on this resource—new information answering your questions about vaccine and quarantine will be added shortly.

MOACTS

Interested in streamlining the contact tracing process in your community? What do you get when you combine a CDC framework for contact tracing with field-tested strategies from your local colleagues in Missouri? [Brainstorm: Adapting Contact Tracing Programs for COVID-19](#) looks at four different areas where contact tracing procedures can be modified to address capacity issues while still being effective. This resource can be a powerful tool for brainstorming changes, accessing DHSS resources, and updating community partners.

Has your jurisdiction implemented a contact tracing policy that you'd like to share with others? Please email epitrax@health.mo.gov and we'll work to make sure your success is shared far and wide as part of this brainstorming resource.